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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Carl Osaki, Ed Gray, and Tom Locke, WSBOH Members
RE: **CAUSES OF FOOD BORNE ILLNESS IN WASHINGTON STATE**

Summary and Background

Today Board members will consider adoption of proposed food service rules, Chapter 246-215 WAC (please see Tab 8). The purpose of these rules is to promote and protect the health, safety, and well being of the public and prevent the spread of disease by food. Dave Gifford from the DOH Food Safety Program will describe causes of food borne illness identified in Washington State. One of the ways diseases are spread is through bare hand contact with ready to eat food. This will be addressed in the proposed food service rules.

Board action recommended

No Board action recommended.